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Music All the Way

In this issue we celebrate the first Newton St Cyres Music Festival which took place at the end of June. Our cover pictures are, from top to bottom, of The Exeter Community Folk Orchestra, the Ukulele lBand and the Taiko Drummers. More details about them all and all the other great acts appear on pages 30 – 33.

Weather Reports

You may be wondering why there have been no weather reports in the last couple of issues of the Newton Wonder. That's because, with a growing family, Ravi has left the village to move into a larger home and we have been looking at how we should present the weather reports in the future. We have been concerned that the results are always two months late and think that we should be providing more comment on the data on a quarterly as opposed to a monthly, basis.

Price Freeze

Because of recent cost increases, particularly printing charges, our current income is only around the same as our outgoings. We do not strive to make a profit but a surplus is necessary in the long term to enable bills to be paid. In the past, and, we hope, in the future we also have been able to make contributions to local community needs. For example we contributed to printing the Walks Leaflets, the last improvements to the Parish Hall and to the refurbishment of the playground at the Rec.

It was decided at a recent team meeting that the subscription for 2024 should remain at £8 per year. Several of our readers who have been receiving their copies by post have moved over to an online subscription. £5 per year is the charge for an online subscription which is supplied via Google Drive. If you would like to subscribe online, then please contact Gerry on 01392 851504 or email paul.radford3@btinternet.com.

We would like to increase the number of subscribers and ask you all to encourage your friends and neighbours to subscribe, either to the online edition or to the paper copy.

Our advertising charges have not increased for almost twenty years and for existing advertisers, who have stayed with us through the pandemic, we have frozen them for at least another year. For new customers we have made modest price increases of around £10 per annum.

Peter

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT July 2023

The meeting, held on Thursday 6th July 2023, was attended by eight Councillors, the Parish Clerk, Mid Devon District Councillor Martin Binks, and Devon County Councillor Margaret Squires, and one member of the public.

Report from Devon County Councillor on issues relevant to the parish

- Margaret told the meeting that there are more than 900 children looking for homes in foster care, and we as a parish need to pull together and try and help these young children. She also said that Nick Gillon is doing a great job running the road warden scheme.

Report from District Councillors on issues relevant to the parish

- Martin reported that Mid Devon has denied responsibility for the streetlights behind the bungalows in Shuttern Close and is proposing to make a formal complaint regarding this issue as the council had previously made repairs.

Environmental Issues

- Agreed to have someone trim the old School Path. Agreed to pay £40 for tarmac delivery for pothole repairs.
- The Parish Council discussed the maintenance of the wild-flower areas on the Village Green. A draft maintenance agreement has been received from the Newton Environment Group (NEW). A final version of this agreement will be considered at the September meeting of the Parish Council. At the same time the Council will be deciding whether or not to continue with the wild flower project for another year.

Traffic and Road Issues

- Highway and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC) Update, 25th June. Graeme expressed concern after the report delivered by the Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF), which denied there was speeding in the Smallbrook area. It has been suggested that the matter be put back on the HATOC Agenda for the 27th July. Margaret will write to the County Council regarding this and will request signage regarding children and the speed limit to further pursue the issue of trying to enforce traffic calming around the Smallbrook corner and around Station Road.
- Yellow Lines will be installed at the beginning of Godolphin Close.
- The Parish Council has been told by DCC Highways that the construction of a safe road crossing from Tytheing Close to Sandown Lane will require additional new housing development to pay for it. The Parish Council will continue to campaign for this.

- The Parish Council will be asking the Mid Devon District Council Scrutiny Committee to investigate the timetabling and reliability of the various No 5 bus services.
- The Quicke Estate has submitted plans to the Parish Council for major changes to the network of permissive footpaths. The Parish Council will shortly be publicising these plans and asking for the views of local residents. Details of the changes will be attached to the Parish annual report, which will shortly be delivered to each home in the Parish.

Buildings and planning issues

- None to be discussed.

Development and Planning – Cllr G Barnell

- Upton Pyne Community Housing Scheme – Cllr Peter Stephenson reported that Devon Home Choice will allow Newton St Cyres residents to apply to the scheme, despite their position on the priority band (Band A-E). When the bidding process is available, it will be marketed locally. For more info, visit <https://www.devonhomechoice.com/how-it-works>
- Waiting for updates on PC funding for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Emergency and Resilience – Cllrs G Scopes and P Stephenson

- Cllr Peter Stephenson will conduct a village walk to assess the overgrown vegetation in Shuttern Brook and other areas in relation to potential flood risks.
- Update on discussion with DCC re grit bin for Kingfisher Close. Bin identified and awaiting installation date.
- Defibrillator at Sweetham – This will be serviced ready for reuse.

Environment and Climate – Cllr D Rowell

- Village Green – NEW has agreed to maintain the green and is drafting a new document on proposed maintenance. Ragwort to be removed and the overgrown areas around the bus stop will be maintained.
- Dave Rowell will represent the PC at NEW meetings.
- John Quicke has agreed to improve the entrance to the allotments and a desired contractor is to be determined.
- Footpaths – An additional notice will be placed in the annual report regarding the proposed permissive footpaths and their appropriate cost to the parish. Please keep a look-out as we need your input!

Community and Engagement issues – Cllr Jenna Browne

- Do you want the village shop back? If you support this idea, please email jennabrowne@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk
- Please also contact the above address if you currently work from home and would consider using the Parish Hall as a co-working space or for meetings.

Other Council Business

- The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 7th September 2023 at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome. Alternatively, if members of the public wish issues to be raised in council meetings, they can contact councillors in the usual way. There is also a Parish Surgery at the Coffee Mornings held on the second Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall.
- The council is still looking for a 9th member. Please contact Jane Hole, Parish Clerk should this be of interest.

We need your help:

When on a dog walk, please notify the council if a dog poo bin is full and needs emptying. This can be done online by contacting Mid Devon Customer Service team on 01884 255255 <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/your-council/customer-services/contact-customer-services/>

Jenna Browne

FOOD LARDER

The Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group will be giving away fresh produce again at the Coffee Mornings in the Parish Hall soon. Last year NEW started tackling the twin issues of food waste and food poverty by distributing surplus produce once or twice a month.

This year we are hoping to have vegetables from the community allotment as well as produce from local gardeners.

Donations of home grown fruit and vegetables are welcome on the day from anyone who has some to spare.

The produce table will be in the lobby as you go in, so please help yourselves. This is food for free!

Helen on behalf of NEW group.

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The draw for July took place at the Coffee Morning on the 8 July. The winners were:

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No. 133	R Furness	£10.00
No. 100	L Pearce	£10.00
No. 240	J Hookway	£10.00
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Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Consultation on Permissive Footpaths

The Quicke Estate have asked the Parish Council to agree to a plan to:

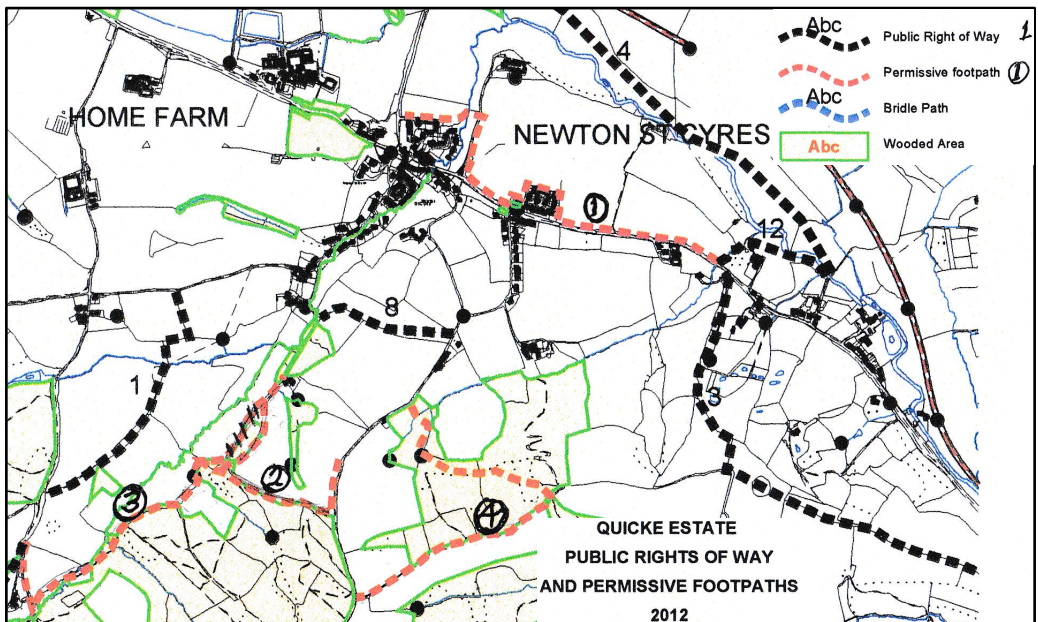
1. Reduce the existing network of permissive footpaths across Quicke land from four to two
2. Pay the Quicke Estate for keeping two of them open
3. Maintain them at the Parish's expense.

This plan follows changes to the governments Farm Payment Scheme. Previously the Quicke Estate was paid £1,850 per annum to provide and maintain the current network of permissive paths. This payment is now being stopped.

There are currently four permissive footpaths that allow access to land owned by the Quicke Estate. Permissive paths are those where the landowner gives permission for public to access and across his or her land. This permission can be withdrawn at any time. These paths are usually closed on at least one day a year by the landowner to prevent any legal right of way from being established.

Permissive Paths are quite different to Public Rights of Way (PROW) footpaths and bridleways, which give legally protected public access across privately owned land. These paths will not be affected by these proposals.

The attached map below shows the existing four Permissive Paths in the Parish (numbered 1-4 on the map) together with Public Rights of Way (shown by black dashes)



The plan is for:

- FP 1 and FP 4 to be closed. These will no longer be accessible to the public.
- FP 2 and FP 3 would be retained, although FP 2 may be fenced off from surrounding land.

Under the plan the Parish Council would be required to:

1. Pay the Quicke Estate an annual fee of £1,500.00 for public access to the land.
2. Enter into a formal agreement between the Parish and the Quicke estate. This would be for a 10-year period with a break clause at five years when the landowner could move or close either one or both of the paths.
3. Pay the legal costs of drawing up and completing the agreement.

In addition, the Parish Council would be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of FP 2 and FP 3, which we estimate would be approximately £600 per year.

In order to pay £2,100 per annum, the Parish Council will probably need to increase the money it levies on each household every year. This money is collected via Council Tax. This could result in an increase of £5 per year on the average (Band D) Council Tax bill.

The Parish Council would like to take your views into account in deciding whether or not to accept this plan. Please note that if the Parish Council reject this plan, the Quicke Estate may close all four paths.

Please reply to the Parish Clerk (The Cellar, Pump Street) or email your response to parishclerk@newtonsteyres-pc.gov.uk.

Please include one of the responses below:-

YES I am in support of the Parish Council entering into the agreement as outlined above and I understand that my Council Tax may increase as a result.

NO I am not in support of the Parish Council entering into the agreement as outlined above and I understand that all four permissive paths may be closed as a result.

Please add : Any questions or any other comments

Please also add your name and address which will not be shared and are for parish verification purposes only.

Alternatively please complete the reply slip which will be included in the forthcoming Parish Council Report and return to the Parish Clerk (The Cellar, Pump Street)

Please reply by Friday 18 August at the latest.

Thank you for taking the time to let us know your views.

August 2023

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

The Football Youth Tournament was a great success, and we congratulate the Football Club on a well organised event, with again a record number of teams entered. The weather gods smiled on everyone, with no games cancelled.

The football teams are already booking in pre-season training and pre-season friendlies, ready for their 2023/24 season to start early September,

The Archery Group continue to meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sundays from 10am to 4pm.

The tennis courts will have their usual busy times, with friendly and league games on most days.

During August, we will be the host for a family 21st birthday party.

Wendy Lewis

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Newton St Cyres Tennis Club



The summer has arrived and Wimbledon will have finished by the time you read this. Still time to get the rusty tennis rackets out again.

RUSTY RACKETS:

We had two very successful Rusty Rackets mornings in June. Everybody loved it and I will be running another one soon. I already have two very rusty rackets enthusiasts coming. Will you be there? Let me know. (frederiekmaddock@gmail.com) .

On Wimbledon's final day we have a mini Club Tournament for all levels in the morning, followed by a bring and share lunch before we all set off to the Beer Engine to watch the Men's finals.

Our courts will be painted in August (probably the second week), which will give you a super surface to play on, and the white lines will be even more prominent!

If you are ready for some tennis, try the club for a couple of sessions and then you can decide to join. Just contact our membership secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259.

Junior coaching, run by our club coach Jon Wills, is well attended and takes place on Wednesdays after school during term time. If you would like to enrol for the autumn term please email juniors@newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk for further information.

Jon also offers adult coaching both individually and for small groups, so if you feel you need to brush up your skills or learn more about the doubles' game, just get in touch with Jon Wills via our website

The Tennis Club now has a super-duper ball machine which means you can practise all by yourself. A number of members are now trained in using the machine, so if you would like to have a go, please contact the Club.
www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk.

Frederiek Maddock



30th June Demonstration in Oils
by

Julie Dunster

A Seascape

Julie started by listing the points to remember when painting:

- What is the inspiration for this painting?
- Where's the focal point?
- What direction is the light coming from?
- Where are the darkest darks and the lightest lights?
- What are the most and least saturated colour notes?
- Is the scene cool or warm?
- Think about texture and edges.

She likes to paint en plein air, and admires the Spanish painter Sorolla and the Russian impressionists.

She first applied a thin yellow ochre wash to her board then rubbed it off, leaving a hint of colour. Her palette had a warm and cool version of each primary colour. She then painted a general tone mix over most of the board, and, using Ultramarine Blue, painted lines and dots to roughly position things. The darkest darks (the rocks in her seascape) were then put in before moving onto the light areas.

Julie considered each mark carefully, from the point of view of colour, tonal value, and shape, and varied her brush marks, dabbing, flicking, rolling and floating the brushes. This helped to create dynamic movement in the waves. Her acute observation of subtle changes in colour and tone and her clever use of complementary colours created a light-filled area of sea and rocks, which was both painterly and convincing. Her method is meticulous, with no random or unnecessary marks, and requires concentration and precision.

Thank you, Julie.

How much would you like to know about the past in Newton St Cyres?

Newton St Cyres History Group has an ever-growing library of publications. What better way to orientate and acquaint yourself with your local surroundings!

• Newton St Cyres – A Village Story (£5)

Compiled by residents of this village in 1999 (the green 'millennium book') containing a wealth of reproduced photographs.



• Newton St Cyres Historical Village Walks (£1)

Four brief walks around the Village, the Western Bluff, West Town and Station Road with maps and an explanation of the road cuttings, levelling and straightening.

• Newton St Cyres Mining and Miners (£1)

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• Newton St Cyres Church – Statement of Significance (£2)

Describes the history and most important features of the church, dedicated to St Cyr and St Julitta.



• Memories of Boyhood in a Devon Village (£3)

Written by Alfred Abraham, born in Newton St Cyres in 1893. He shares his memories growing up in the village at the beginning of the 20th century.

• Newton St Cyres in the 1940s & 1950s (£5)

Written by Stella Cork, born in Newton St Cyres in 1934 and the daughter of the village postmaster. She gives a remarkable description of families in the village and an insight into village life.

• Newton St Cyres and The Civil War 1642-46 (£5)

The story of grief, hardship and a little excitement for those living in the village almost 400 years ago during the English Civil War supported by coloured photos and maps. Would you have been a Roundhead or a Cavalier?

Also visit newtonwonder.net where you will find data and analyses on:

- Births, Deaths and Marriages in Newton St Cyres (16th–18th century)
- UK Censuses on Newton St Cyres (1841-1911)
- Newton St Cyres Tithe Map of 1843

Copies can be purchased by contacting

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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



The history of the A377 and Newton St Cyres

The topic for our meeting on 26th April was the history of the road through Newton St Cyres, now called the A377. Our speaker was Jean Wilkins, well known to many. Jean has been chairman and organiser of the History Group here since its inauguration in 2010. She has been interested in local history for many years and used to go to her local history group in Berkshire before moving here.

Jean began finding out about the history of her house, Coldharbour, when one of her daughters had to do a school project. She then realised what excellent records survive for the village and more recently has been intrigued to be able to see old newspaper reports available online. She has enjoyed researching over the years and would recommend local history as a hobby.

The busy A377 dominates the centre of the village these days. Because of Newton St Cyres' position between Crediton and Exeter, for the last 700 years, since the building of the first Cowley Bridge, the road must have been significant in the life of the village. Jean emphasised how important the road was to Exeter Cathedral. We know this, because in the early fourteenth century, the oak for the Bishop's Throne, commissioned by Bishop Walter Stapleden, was seasoned in the millpond at Norton Cross, Newton St Cyres, and was probably taken by waggon into Exeter. Bishop Stapleden left money in his will for the upkeep of Cowley Bridge and the road either side. From the 13th century until the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the village was held by the Priory of Plympton and it was they who were responsible for the upkeep of the roads.

After the Dissolution, road maintenance became the responsibility of the villages, each appointing a 'vestry' made up of twelve prominent members of the community. All able-bodied men in the village had to give five days' labour per annum to road maintenance, which was a significant demand upon them. Our village was especially difficult because the main road to Exeter ran through and so the road needed more upkeep. Gradually the condition of the roads in England, especially the country roads, became worse and worse. I think we are all aware of the increasing number of bad potholes at the moment, but they pale in comparison to the difficulties and dangers of travel in the 16th and 17th centuries. A complaint from 1748 states that the road between Newton and Smallbrook was terrible and dangerous to life and limb.

It was not until Turnpike Trusts were set up from the 18th century onwards that the roads west of Exeter were slowly improved enough for regular use by wheeled transport. The Exeter Turnpike Trust Act was passed in 1753. Up until then, loads going westwards from the city were carried by trains of pack horses, and people also usually rode on horseback. Now any traveller had to pay to use the road and the money raised was spent by the Trust in improving and maintaining it, though the roads were still very dusty in summer and very muddy in winter. Travellers must have been a regular sight in Newton St Cyres, and the village developed the services to deal with them. There was a

wheelwright on the east corner of the old road where it turned sharp left to go down the hill, and a harness maker opposite the old Crown and Sceptre, as well as three public houses providing refreshments for both horses and humans.

However, the road into the village from the east was steep. The gradient was lessened by a sharp corner turning south into what is now Pump Street, and then turning west again to cross the ford. There are few traces now of this route, but it is clearly marked on the old map which Jean showed. The barn (now a house) by the old pump, which was built after the route was altered, blocks what would have been the road. Eventually, in the mid-19th century, it was decided between John Quicke and the Turnpike Trust to improve the road through the village by lessening the gradient and removing the sharp corner. This was achieved by making a cutting between John Quicke's house and the church, the material removed being used to raise the level on the east side of the village where a new road was built through the garden of the Public House, now Old Beams. We all recognise this route, and we now all walk and drive straight through the village!

The road now took increasing amounts of goods and traffic, which was not relieved until the opening of the railway in 1851. Even so, by the 1950s, Newton St Cyres was a pinch point on the route to North Devon and the possibility of a by-pass arose. In the event, the road was widened by removing the old, thatched cottages, building new ones further back and creating the village green.

Jean then talked about the types of carriages and coaches which were used on the roads. As the road surfaces improved in the 18th century, so did the design of the horse-drawn vehicles. Travelling speeds could increase and people were able to get about faster; mail coaches were established in the 1780s, and if you had the money you could travel by post-chaise, much faster than the stagecoach. In the early 20th century, the arrival of motor transport enabled the organisation of holiday trips and excursions, and Jean showed a photo from 1924 of a row of charabancs outside the Crown and Sceptre, for the Wesleyan and Parish Combined Church Outing to Dawlish and Teignmouth, which contrasted with the horse drawn charabanc trip just twelve years earlier, which took the Newton St Cyres choir to Budleigh Salterton.

Jean thanked Lynda Pearce for the use of many of her excellent photographs and illustrations showing the village and these will be in the pamphlet which the History Group is in the process of publishing, as well as much more fascinating detail and information than is in this synopsis. Thank you, Jean, for such an interesting evening.

Future Events

The Church will be open again for **Heritage Open Days in September** and members of the History Group plan to be doing tours again. Wednesday 13th Sept and Saturday 16th Sept.

Our next meeting is in October on Wed 11th Oct. 'Down to Earth – Archaeological Aerial Survey and Excavation between the Culm and the Creedy'. Bill Horner, county archaeologist

Isobel Hepworth

Thoughts for August from Peter Cordingley

Here's the situation. You're not as young as you used to be, but you'd still fancy a short break to visit your grandkids in Bournemouth. But a 2.5-hour slog along the A30 and A35 doesn't seem like much fun, so going by train seems a sensible option.

Good luck!

If the government gets its way, you'll have to book your rail ticket online or through a machine at the station. That's because the government plans to close all station booking offices across the country. Exeter's Central station is scheduled to lose its booking office first, with St David's at first offering a limited service and then closing altogether. The proposed changes would come into force at all stations between this October and June next year, if the government plan goes through.

So, Exeter to Bournemouth. As far as I can make out, two changes are likely on that route, depending on your time of travel. How in the name of Richard Beeching are you going to book that when you don't understand the technology involved, and when there's no helpful person in the booking office to assist you with routes and costing?

It's bad enough already trying to book a simple journey like Exeter-London, with the special offers (peak, off-peak, super off-peak), season tickets, senior prices, reserved seats, etc, etc, etc. The booking system is hopelessly Byzantine, and the government knows it. It has promised to rationalize it one of these years. But that's a government promise, isn't it, and we've all seen what they are worth.

Around three out of five stations in the UK have a ticket office. The vast majority are owned and run by train operators, who are under pressure from the government to do better amid the drop in revenue caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The government's case is that only 12% of train tickets are bought from offices at stations, down from 85% in 1995. But, even at 12%, that's an awful lot of ticket sales.

Train companies say they believe ticket-office staff would serve customers better if they were positioned on platforms to sell tickets from mobile machines, answer questions and help the disabled on and off trains. Really? What's the point of positioning staff on platforms if passengers need a ticket to get to them for help in booking a ticket? Absolutely baffling. But so much about government policies is these days.

For many of the elderly and disabled, including those in Newton St Cyres, the ticket office closures would mean a disinclination to travel and a new kind of "lockdown" that could see them effectively trapped at home – not by a virus but by a sort-sighted government policy that puts cost saving ahead of the public interest.

Thinking of protesting? Too late. The consultation period closed on 26th July. I didn't know that. I didn't even know there had been a consultation. Did you?



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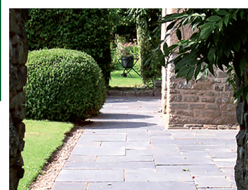
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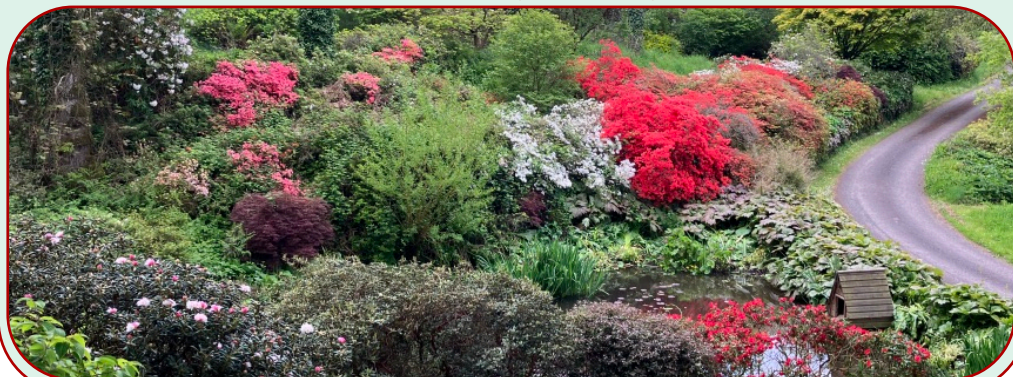
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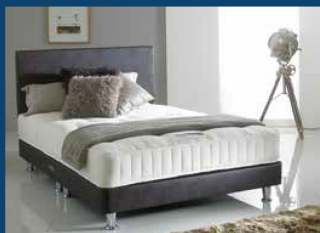
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The Rec's ambitious new goal

The Newton St Cyres Recreation Ground Club, or the Rec, as it's known, has big ambitions for the future, but will it be able to fulfil them? That's the challenge facing its new chair as she ponders the cost of securing the land that has been the home of the popular sportsground for more than 50 years. Words and pictures by Ann Quon Cordingley.

When Carrie-Ann Finning volunteered to become chair of the Rec in June, she knew she had big boots to fill. She was taking over from Tony Lewis, who had not only turned the ailing club's finances around but helped introduce changes that cemented its reputation as one of the premier sports and recreation hubs in this part of the world.

However, after more than 15 years as club chair, Tony was calling it a day, a decision spurred by his official retirement from his day job as a forester of more than 50 years. "He has done so much for the Rec over the years to keep it going for everyone and trying to improve it," says Carrie-Ann, who paid tribute to Tony's selfless years of service to the club.

"Tony got the club back onto an even keel financially," adds Ian Harris, the club's long-time de facto manager, self-proclaimed "dog's body" and Rec committee member. "He oversaw new grass machines, safety netting along the railway line, general maintenance, new initiatives like introducing the Devon Air Ambulance landing site and much more."

When Carrie-Ann isn't at the Rec, you will usually find her at the village primary school, where she works in the nursery. Born in Wolverhampton, she moved to Devon when she was 10. She met her husband, Darren Finning, an agricultural engineer, 12 years ago. Darren will be familiar to many as his family has been in the village a long time and are lifelong supporters of the Rec. It was through Darren that Carrie-Ann got involved in the Rec some years ago. "The secretary was leaving and I was asked if I could help out," the affable Carrie-Ann says with a smile.

At the recent AGM, Claire Digby was elected bookings secretary, taking over from Wendy Lewis in September, and will also temporarily hold down the role of club secretary. A volunteer is needed for that position. Any volunteers out there?

Claire is no stranger to the club as she is the partner of Ian Harris and the mother of their two - soon to be three - children. When asked why she volunteered for the secretary's job, she says "to make it easier for Ian and help

him out.” When he isn’t working his day job, Ian can be found working at the club bar, fixing the roof or pretty much anything and everything that needs doing. It’s fair to say that without him, the Rec probably would not be able to operate. Ian is as close to “rec royalty” as it gets. His father, John Harris, was a founder of the club and served as club chairman. His brother Dave Harris is the club’s treasurer.

Now as she takes over the chair’s baton, Carrie-Ann has been handed one of the biggest challenges in the club’s history: How to secure the club’s financial future so that generations to come can continue to enjoy using it.

At issue is the six-acre site on which the Rec sits. It is owned by the Anglican Church and has been rented since 1971. When the club first started up, it made sense to lease the land from the Church Commissioners, the body that administers the church’s property assets, even though the club was subject to rent increases every three years. However, with the lease expiring in 2030, and the club facing another rent increase, the Rec’s management committee has opted to buy the land rather than face further rent hikes.

“It’s going to cost us a lot of money to renew the lease anyway, so instead of just renewing it, if we bought the land we could secure it for the whole village and for all the clubs that use it,” says Carrie-Ann. “It then becomes a community asset and a protected space for future generations to use.”

Looking out on the Rec grounds, which comprise a clubhouse, two sports areas, two tennis courts, a small children’s playground and car park, it is hard to believe it was just a field for football and cricket when it was founded in 1969.

Today, it is a busy centre for a wide range of sports, including football, cricket, tennis, archery, skittles and darts. It is also a popular recreation venue for special events and celebrations such as the Revels, the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and more recently, the Music and Dance Festival.

While the Rec relies on subscriptions from user clubs, donations, grants from the district and parish councils and income from special events, the main source of funds is the profit from bar takings - all enough to keep it running and put some savings aside.

However, it would like to tap into more sources of funding and grants to enable it to make major improvements to the club and its facilities. But with only seven years remaining on the lease, funders are reluctant to make such short-term commitments. It’s all very frustrating,” says Ian Harris. “To get grants and funding, you need a long-term lease, which we haven’t got at the moment.”

The club struggled to get even a small grant to replace the netting for the tennis court. “That was hard to get because of how short the lease was,” says Carrie-Ann. “It was really holding us back.”

Carrie-Ann and the Rec’s management committee believe that if they could buy the land, it would secure its future and allow it to apply for grant funding. “Because the Rec is non-profit, we could apply for grants to improve everything to keep it going for future generations, and to help everyone improve the facilities that we have,” she says. “We think we have pretty nice facilities and we want to keep that going.”

With that in mind, the Rec recently put a formal offer to the Church Commissioners to buy the land. Unfortunately, it was turned down, with the Church coming back with a counter-offer. As of the time of writing, the Rec management committee have yet to meet to discuss the counter-offer and next steps.

However, insiders say it is likely the Church Commissioners will hold out for a price much higher than the prices local farmers pay for agricultural land. Just how high a price is anyone’s guess, but it will probably be well beyond the Rec’s current means.



*Left to Right: Carrie-Ann Finning, Ian Harris, Claire Digby
Picture by Ann Quon Cordingley*

While the club has some savings, it is not wealthy, and if it is to pursue its plans to purchase the land, it will most likely need to look at ways to raise capital, such as a fundraising campaign, crowd funding or applying for grant funding, among other measures.

The Rec is a jewel, an asset that very few villages around here can match. But it’s chronically underutilised. To change that, and to help it grow to its full potential, it needs one thing in particular: more volunteers. “Without that extra help, we can’t offer more than we do at the moment,” says Carrie-Ann. “So anyone who has a bit of time - helping with the bar, people who have skills as builders who could help with the maintenance - would be very welcome.”

The Rec is not facing the dilemma of “use it or lose it”, but if it is to become a true community asset for current and future generations, it needs your help ... badly.

Do You Remember...August?

August 1973

It was reported that the Bell Rope appeal had been over-subscribed.

NSC Primary School

It was reported that the school numbers the next term would be below 100 pupils.

Edwin Vile from the Nook at Sweetham had passed away.

The **alterations** to the entrance at Tytheing Close had been completed.

Two bus shelters had been ordered for Tytheing Close and outside the Crown & Sceptre.

A meeting had been held at the School about **car parking issues**.

A very successful **Flower Show** was held.

August 1983

John Scott was moving after Christmas to Bampton after 17 years in Newton St Cyres. This change meant **changes to the Newton Wonder** also. A typist was needed and someone to deal with the advertising, cutting stencils, duplicating, collating and stapling and distribution plus preparing lists for distributors and subscription collectors.

The Women's Institute (WI) went to Becky Falls and Teignmouth for a Fish & Chips supper.

Two helpers were needed for the Brownies and Guides - one for each organisation.

Ivy Gratton was elected Chairman of the Parish Hall in her absence.

At the Parish Council, **the new Structure Plan for Devon** was presented.

Drink and Ride

The Beer Engine pub had linked up with the trains to bring drinkers to the Pub in the evening and return them to Exeter for £1 return.

August 1993

The Gardening News contained **hints on mulching** and what to use, i.e. forest bark, chipped bark and cocoa shells, forest mulch, coir and spent mushroom compost, well-rotted manure or gravel and grit.

Cream teas were advertised at 13 Cowley Bridge Road with a produce Stall at £2.00 each.

The Afternoon Club were planning visits to Sidmouth, Swanage and Paignton.

The Recipe of the Month was for Corned Beef Patties.

The Craft Fair at the Art and Flower Festival raised **£200+**. The Art and Flower Festival itself raised £1,400 profit for Church funds and thanks were expressed to everyone.

August 2003

Sue and Gerald at the Post Office were congratulated on their excellent **floral display**.

John and Lyn Durrant had left the village and moved to Torquay after 38 years.

More problems were reported at the Recreation Ground with **dog fouling**.

Volunteers were wanted to help deliver Meals on Wheels in the village. The Crown & Sceptre were cooking the meals.

Lost tea urn

The Parish Hall reported that it had lost its tea urn.



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August 2013

IT Courses and workshops were being run by Tim Pearkes to support the current village initiative which is providing free internet access, free use of computers and personal help for those who feel they need it.

The NSC Art Group were holding a week-long **Summer Exhibition**, for the sale of original paintings and prints, at the Bernaville Garden Centre.

The Newton Wonder was looking for more pictures to include in the magazine and urged readers to send them in.

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

Several Junior competitions had taken place in recent weeks. Congratulations to **Michael Lambourne** for winning the Green Ball trophy, **Will Bell** for winning the Boys 18 and Under title, and **James Knox** for retaining his Red Ball title.

Newton St Cyres Youth Club

Pat Finch was organising fortnightly meetings at the Village Hall. Ages from 10 to 15. Games, Dancing, Table Tennis, Art and Craft Talks, Have Fun and Learn New Skills!

The Parish Council agreed to place a bus shelter in the bus stop at Half Moon.

the Education Funding Agency had allocated money for a new School building in NSC possibly to Station Road and then the re-development of the School site for housing.

A **Flower & Produce Show** was being promoted by Jane Bailey to be held in September with 63 classes to enter including eight for juniors under 12 years of age and a further 4 for juniors aged 12 - 16 years. Schedules and entry forms have been delivered to all households.

The history group local outing met at Pynes, **Nigel Chambers** conducted the tour of the formal gardens and the house. There is a strong case made by **Anne-Marie Edwards**, a Jane Austen scholar, that Pynes is the setting for 'Barton Park', in 'Sense and Sensibility'.

At Crediton Museum & Heritage Centre anyone can research your family history or the history of your house.

Anne Rice wrote about the Garden Club trip to the Garden House at Buckland Monachorum. New features added in 2012 were the arboretum and lake. The new Arboretum was opened by **Sophie, Countess of Wessex**, earlier this year.

Nick and Viv Henderson

Annual Youth Football Tournament

Teams of young people from all over the South West enjoyed the annual Youth Football tournament which was hosted by the Rec on the 8th and 9th July.



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2. WHERE was it taken?
3. WHO is in the Picture?

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8oz (200g) Demerara sugar

2 large eggs

1 lb (400g) mixed dried fruit - currants, sultanas, raisins, mixed peel

¼ pint ale or stout.

freshly grated nutmeg, the grated zest of 1 lemon

Sieve the flour into a bowl adding the nutmeg and lemon zest. Rub in the fat until free from lumps, add the sugar, dried fruit, then the beaten eggs and the warmed ale or stout. Mix well and bake in an 8" (23cm) cake tin lined with greaseproof paper in a moderately hot oven for approximately 2hrs. The cake is cooked when a metal skewer inserted gently into the centre of the cake emerges clean and free from any cake mixture.

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Magnificent new stand of bamboo in the Arboretum

The long established stand of bamboo in the Arboretum has suddenly erupted into new growth this spring, sending up many new shoots that have now grown to over 20 feet tall in three or four months. The stems are about three inches in diameter. This bamboo is likely to be the Chinese Timber Bamboo (*phyllostachys vivax*) which is the tallest growing hardy bamboo and is used for a variety of purposes in oriental construction. Perhaps the bamboo is responding to our warmer climate. The Arboretum Committee might consider building a new shelter from bamboo?

I believe it has an RHS Award of Garden Merit but is definitely not one for smaller gardens or for the faint hearted.

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PLAY IT AGAIN, NEWTON!

The **Music All the Way Festival** was an exuberant all-village affair, featuring 14 events across the village over four days, involving the Beer Engine, Belluno, the Rec, the parish church, the Parish Hall and the Primary School.

Put together by Nicola Baker and Christine Fraser, with the assistance of an army of volunteers, the celebration of music and dance in their many forms was such a success that there is already talk of Music All the Way 2024. Here are some of the highlights.

Exeter Ukulele Band

What would you do if you went to a gig expecting to play to a roomful of kids only to be met by a roomful of adults? If you are the Exeter Ukulele Band, you simply make the best of it and get the crowd to sing along to the “Wheels on the Bus”, Mary Poppins’ “Chim Chim Cher-ee” and other kiddie favourites.

Despite the absence of ankle-biters, such was the “go with the flow” atmosphere in the Beer Engine tent that the 12-member band had the crowd singing along to old seafaring songs and a rousing rendition of the Beatles’ “When I’m 64” – a song quite a few in the audience could identify with.

Finally, toward the end of the set, miracle of miracles, a young family of four wandered in, and before he could say “ukulele”, 5-year-old Finn Barton found himself up with the band with his own ukulele. Judging from the huge grin on young Finn’s face as he played along with the grown-ups, it looked like there is a ukulele player in the making (*picture on front cover*).

Taiko Drumming

The sound of drums rumbled across the Rec on an overcast Sunday afternoon as the Tano Taiko performing group put on a rhythmical display of Japanese-inspired ensemble drumming.

Led by the energetic Jan Howe, the nine-member group, based in Seale Hayne, Newton Abbot, performed a short set on various-sized drums, before letting the audience, comprising mostly families, have a go. There was no shortage of takers as young and the not so young scrambled enthusiastically to take up positions behind the basin-sized drums to happily pound away.

However, the onset of rain about halfway through the event raised concern that the drum skins would be damaged. Without missing a beat, everyone quickly retreated to the Beer Engine tent, where the drumming and merriment continued. (*picture on front cover*)

LA LA Choir



“Oh What a Night” – and it truly was as Samantha Abrahams burst onto the church stage with her 40-strong La La Choir to thrill the audience with amazing and complex harmonies and full-throated voices, which had the audience up on their feet, swaying, clapping and joining in.

Exeter Chamber Choir



The Choir filled the church with glorious singing as Director Andrew Daldorph took the audience on a musical journey from Tallis and Byrd, through to Handel and Ravel and then on to his own arrangements of modern classics (‘A Nightingale Sand in Berkeley Square’). His own composition, ‘I Will Praise the Lord’, was a fitting finale to a wonderful evening.

The La La Choir and Exeter Chamber Choir evenings were made extra-special by wonderful Adonai buffets supplied courtesy of Jocelyn and Elaine.



Jazz Deco

A wonderful night in the Parish Hall, which was set up cabaret style for local musicians Andrew Daldorph (piano), Kate Walker (vocals) and Chris Gradwell (sax/clarinet). Kate started the evening with Tom Lehrer's 'The Vatican Rag' which was greeted with much amusement and applause. In addition to the amazing music from Andrew and Chris, the audience were also treated to some role play from Kate during her performances of Noel Coward's 'I Went to a Marvellous Party' and his 'Mad About the Boy', suitably dressed as several *very* different characters.

The Parish Hall reverberated to the foot-stamping, "knee-slapping exuberance of Paula Benford's wonderful open event. This now has a hugely increased attendance at Tuesday night's regular sessions in the Hall, with lots of new friends and lots of high energy!

Honky Tonks Line Dancing workshop



Red Dirt



The ultimate Pub Folk/Rock band was a fantastic success at the Beer Engine on Friday night. They will be returning to the Beer Engine for its forthcoming 40th Anniversary
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SWUNK Exeter School Jazz Group



Toes were tapping to the sounds of SWUNK, a swing and funk group of talented seniors from Exeter School, who played a range of easy listening classic jazz and funk numbers to an appreciative audience at the Beer Engine.

The band members, whose instruments ranged from bass

guitar, piano, cello, saxophone and percussion, included the village's own Imogen Daldorph on trumpet. In no time they got everyone into an upbeat groove, especially during their improv jazz solos, which drew enthusiastic applause from the audience. Hard to believe that the band members, aged 17 and 18, practise only once a week because their playing was as rhythmically tight and assured as any professional group.

Thanking the audience for their support and festival organisers for inviting them, the school's Director of Music, Peter Tamblyn said: "It's much better than Glastonbury, because we get to go home and sleep in our own beds." And with that, they were off to Belluno for their second and final set of the evening ... and free pizza!

Exeter Community Folk Orchestra

On the final day of the Festival, the Hall hosted both a workshop and concert. Those who attended the workshop were invited to play an instrument that they could already play, or to choose something completely new. After a failed attempt on the concertina, I opted for the Appalachian Dulcimer. Under David Faulkner's expert guidance, we learned to play (sort of) the 'Seven Step Polka'. To get us in the mood, we even had the opportunity to learn the dance!

For the concert, the 'workshoppers' joined the main orchestra for a rendition of what we had learned. The members of the orchestra then gave an excellent concert featuring music spanning the centuries and exploring connections with people from other countries. With lots of solo slots, the musicians showed just how accomplished they are. *(picture on front cover)*

Let's not forget the unsung heroes of the festival – the 22 members of the Volunteering Team, led by Jan Hookway, who made things so much easier for performers and visitors alike.

Words by Nicola Baker, Ann Quon Cordingley and Christine Fraser

Pictures by Ann Quon Cordingley, Nicola Baker, Christine Fraser, Martin Taylor, Mark Phillips and Nick Henderson

Update on Creedy Crayfish

Summer is here and so we thought we would provide a quick update about the Creedy Catchment Crayfish project following our update in April. Thanks to everyone who submitted information about potential, white-clawed crayfish (WCC) sightings. These details have all been recorded and we will investigate in the future when survey funding becomes available (next year, with any luck,).



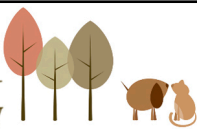
Devon Crayfish

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Thanks also to those who expressed an interest in undertaking water quality monitoring within the Creedy catchment with West Country Rivers Trust. I hope the 'CSI' team have been in touch, but, if not, please remind them of your volunteering offer: csi@wrt.org.uk

Here are the project headlines since the last update. Lots going on behind the scenes:

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- **New lead organization.** We are very pleased to welcome the Wildwood Trust to the project. They have agreed to take over as the project host when the Wild Planet Trust step back in October. Wildwood Trust (WT) is a nature conservation charity focusing on British native species, with a mission to protect, conserve and rewild British wildlife. WT's 'Wildwood Devon' site near Ottery St Mary is home to the newly established native crayfish hatchery, which you might have seen mentioned in the news recently: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-65845030>.

WT and crayfish specialist Dr Jen Nightingale secured funding for this crucial hatchery feasibility work from Devon Environment Foundation. It will enable the WT to establish and test the operation of hatchery facilities at Wildwood Devon. The funding covers an initial 3-month test period, including

running costs. Wildwood Devon have written a blog about WCC and their involvement with the project: <https://devon.wildwoodtrust.org/news/why-are-white-clawed-crayfish-endangered/>

- **Natural England Species Recovery fund application.** Thanks to considerable support from the WT, we submitted an application to the NE Species Recovery Fund in May. If successful, the funding will enable us to expand the native crayfish hatchery facilities at wildwood Devon and will cover the running costs for two years (including creation of a public aquarium display where WCC can be observed by visitors).
- The project will also see the construction of a bespoke crayfish ark site, incorporating a rainwater harvesting system where captive raised native crayfish can be homed and, we hope, will breed. We will find out if the funding application is successful some time in July.
- **Project development funding.** The project has received additional funding from South West Water (SWW) and East Devon Catchment Partnership (EDCP). This enables us to continue to develop the project over the next few months, apply for funding, run the steering group and to keep pushing for improvements from the water quality perspective. This funding allows us to keep the project going until the end of October, with the priority focus on securing longer-term funding.
- **National Lottery Heritage Fund application.** Thanks to the SWW and EDCP funding, we have now started to develop a Lottery funding application with a working title of '*Saving Devon's Native Crayfish*'. The 2-year project would cover the Culm and Creedy catchments where our native crayfish survive, and will involve river habitat restoration, crayfish surveys, education and awareness events and ark sites development.

A big focus of the project will be to develop a team of community 'citizen scientists' who we can train to can help survey and monitor crayfish populations and undertake water quality monitoring. We plan to submit the application in the autumn and, if successful, the project would start in early 2024.

- **Steering Group.** The group continues to meet quarterly to ensure the project maintains momentum and that priority actions are progressed. This has recently included discussions with the Environment Agency and Catchment Sensitive Farming to ensure that the limited resources that are available to investigate water quality problems from agriculture/land management are targeted in the right areas. There is still a lot of work to do in relation to this, but progress is being made.

We will keep you posted with news and updates as the various project elements are developed and funding applications are progressed! In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions or would like any further information about the project.

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This cheeky chap appeared in the editor's garden at
around 10.30 pm on Saturday 15th July

The Bard in the arboretum

Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" is not for those with low attention spans. It is multi-layered, complex and with more plots than the average allotment. But 60 or so souls settled comfortably in a grassy area in the arboretum for the Crediton Arts Centre's take on Elizabethan romance, suspected infidelity, dirty tricks and happy-ever-afters, all set in Sicily.



The Village Lunch at Belluno on July 20th was a great success



Wikipedia's summary of the plot runs to nearly 4,000 words, which is not only a measure of the complexity of the tale but also rather more detail than you will get here.

Under the direction of Jack Robson, who introduced a few twists of his own along the story line, the performers put on a lively show against a simple, but effective backdrop. In costumes designed by Lindy Yellowlees, the characters slickly entered and exited the stage, keeping the story bubbling amid gossipy accusations of cuckoldry, and much mocking and finger pointing - with a convincing swoon by Hero, a jilted bride, played by Jess Laver.

While the arboretum was the perfect visual setting for the performance, the acoustics were not the best, depriving those in the furthest rows from the stage with a full audio experience.

A special word of praise for Kate Gigg, who stepped in at the last minute to give a full-throated performance in the tricky role of Beatrice, one of the leading love interests.

Newton St Cyres was just one of several stops for the show, which will be touring green spaces in local villages through July.

"Much Ado" was staged with the financial support of The Boris Karloff Trust, Crediton Town Council, Devon County Council, Emigrant Trust, Heathcoat Trust and Viscount Amory Trust.

Peter Cordingley

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August on the Farm

In the 1880s an ancestor of mine sowed acorns on half of our land area. My father, who'd be 101 if he was alive now, remembered talking when he was a little boy to the village cobbler, who when he was a little boy had led the cart horse that had sowed the acorns that turned farmland into woodland.

The trees were grown for charcoal and tannin. The Canadian Pacific Railway had opened up the prairies of America. The virgin prairies, with their deep soils full of organic matter, grew crops so well that it made farming in our little fields in Britain not viable. It was an early reforestation, or rewilding. It was a dramatic change, borne out of tough times.

Fast forward to now, and the hard issue is how we are to be responsible for climate change. Those woodlands are busy sequestering carbon in the cathedral quiet of the woods. We've worked out they are helping us sequestering 84% of the carbon emissions from our farm. They are taking carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and putting it into trees, the leaf litter, the peat layer and all the myriad networks of mycorrhizae and all the life they support in the soil. The amount they take out nearly matches the carbon dioxide equivalent of the methane the cows burp.

The most exciting area is in the soil organic matter. The grass, clover and other plants in our permanent pasture add to the organic matter in the soil, almost as much as under woodland. We are gradually raising organic matter in our arable fields, with manure and grass and red clover as a rest from cropping every few years. They restore the organic matter that arable crops harvest, visibly reviving tired soil.

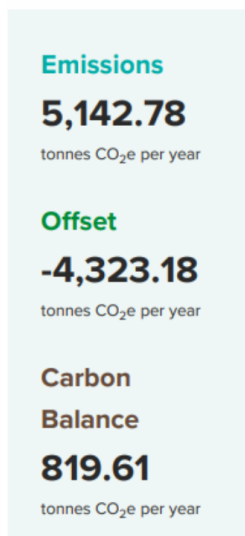
We are measuring what's happening and can see this is a route to achieving net zero. We're bedding our calves on wood chip from our woods, composting the result and spreading that on the land further adding to the soil reservoir of organic matter. Our carbon dioxide emissions are slightly below average for milk production on UK dairy farms. We sequester over 84% of our carbon on the farm and are working towards carbon neutral by 2030. We can see the route.

All that soil organic matter drives better grass and crops for healthier animals that live longer. Our hedges, margins, orchards and beetle banks take out more. The fields where the milk comes from and the woodlands that surround them give us comfort and ease in enjoying the cheese

The Farm Carbon Calculator produced by Duchy College guides us as we grapple

with the numbers from the crops we grow and how we grow them, the inputs we use, what we recycle, the buildings we have and the animals we have, and the energy we use and produce. We look at what we emit directly, what others emit for the things we use on the farm, and also what gets emitted up and down the chain from us. On the other side, we look at the field margins, hedges, beetle banks, orchards, the different species of trees, and the soil organic matter in our fields. This is the second year we've done the calculation. We'll go on learning how we can farm better for our soils, our animals, our cheese and for the health of the planet.

Carbon balance



Our carbon dioxide emissions are slightly below average for milk production on UK dairy farms. We sequester over 84% of our carbon on the farm and are working towards net zero by 2030.

Carbon Balance / hectare:

0.91

tonnes CO₂e/hectare/year

Milk:

0.2235

kg CO₂e per kg of FPCM

Carbon Balance / tonne:

0.0958

tonnes CO₂e/tonne of product

Fertiliser emissions:

0.4115

tonnes CO₂e per ha from fertilisers

Fuel / hectare:

0.2578

tonnes CO₂e/hectare from fuel

Mary Quicke

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

First, a big thank-you to everyone who helped at and attended the Garden Club Cream Tea hosted at Guerins by Chris and John Burrows. What a wonderful afternoon – even the earlier high winds could not dampen the occasion. It was lovely to see so many from the village and neighbouring villages enjoying the magnificent gardens and scrumptious cream tea and cakes!

A huge thank you to Chris and John for their hours of hard work. Chris was ably assisted by three of her sisters serving the teas, with Amelia and Karen doing a great job on the raffle, and Jane expertly helping on the Plant Stall. The event raised £488.04, which will certainly help towards speakers for the Club in 2024.



Enjoying the cream tea

I was fortunate to spend a couple of days in Cornwall. I visited the Lost Gardens of Heligan, where, as a resident of Devon, you can get a year's membership for just an additional £2.50 on top of the day entry charge. This time I attended a very informative talk, held on Flora's Green, about the history and ownership of the gardens through the decades. On entering the gardens, there is an ancient **Douglas Fir** which has a large dark green growth protruding from the trunk called a **Witches' Broom**! This is a genetic mutation and is much prized among bonsai enthusiasts and witches.

The **Crocasmia** were abundant. Also known as montbretia, and originating from the grasslands of South Africa, it is a perennial found in many gardens as it grows easily in a



Crocasmia

sunny position in well-drained soil. They will continue to provide long-lasting fiery coloured flowers through to autumn. It should be lifted and divided every 3-5 years, to ensure continued good flowering. Most are orange, but there are red (e.g. Lucifer) and yellow (e.g. George Davison) flowering varieties too, and some have foliage that has a bronze tint.

I also visited Lanhydrock, where there are 29 clipped Irish Yews that were planted in 1857. These trees require care and attention in order to stay looking their best, and take two weeks to prune every summer. The yews are trimmed from the bottom upwards, and the wires that help to maintain their shape are checked and replaced if necessary. The formal gardens were packed with **Alstromeria** and **Dahlias**, but it was the **Hydrangeas** that stole the show with their vibrant blues and purples due to the acidic soil conditions. There are 45 varieties of hydrangea grown at Lanhydrock, and even from a distance they can be seen in the colourful banks as you approach the house. The house had additional rooms open since my last visit, and the visitor information in each of the rooms had been updated, to make it easier to read and relate to.

Jobs for August

Camellias and Rhododendrons are producing their flower buds now, so during dry periods will need regular and thorough watering.

Check for **Rosemary beetles** (adults and larvae), as they are late summer feeders. These are leaf feeders, preferring aromatic leaves, and are very colourful. They can be removed by hand from Rosemary, Sage and Lavender and are a food source for birds, frogs and other beetles. Both the adult beetles and the larvae feed on the leaves, which can be reduced to short stumps with greyish-brown discolouration where the damaged tissues have dried up. In most cases, however, the overall appearance and health of the plant remains unaffected.

RHS are asking for sightings of Rosemary beetles, and if you have any, these can be logged on their survey form on their website <https://apps.rhs.org.uk/surveys/submitrecord>

- The adult beetles are shiny insects, 6-7mm long, with metallic purple and green stripes on their wing cases and thorax
- The larvae are greyish-white with darker stripes running along their bodies; when fully grown the larvae are 8mm long.

Sweet Peas will have been flowering for some time now and to keep them flowering for as long as possible, the plants will need regular watering. The flowers need to be cut at least weekly and any seedpods removed.

Hedges can be safely trimmed, as birds should have finished nesting. It is always good to check first though for any late second broods. Trimming now should result in the hedge staying fairly tidy, as there will only be time for a small amount of growth which will have time to harden before winter.

There is still time to plant **Autumn-flowering bulbs**, such as **Nerine bowdenii**, which give a stunning display of hot pink flowers during October and November.

What's On in August?

The Big Butterfly Count is a UK-wide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment simply by counting the number and type of butterflies (and some day-flying moths) we see. To take part in this year's Big Butterfly Count, choose a place to spot butterflies and moths for 15 minutes any time between **Friday 14th July** and **Sunday 6th August**, record which species you see and submit your results. Full details of the project can be found on <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

Sunday 13th August 10am-4pm Hospiscare Open Gardens, Blackbury Honey Farm, Southleigh, Colyton, EX24 6JF "A garden to encourage pollinators. Honey bees, bumblebees, solitary bees and butterflies visit in abundance. Long borders and beds planted in mixed cottage garden style, some beds colour-themed. A new herb garden has been made this year with hexagonal-shaped beds and an ornamental beehive at its centre. In addition, apple, pear and plum orchards, and peaches and apricots are situated against the barn walls. There is a wildflower meadow of around 20 acres with paths mown through it, and a glimpse of the honeybees in their enclosure at the centre. Skylarks nest in the meadow and orchids are to be found amongst the many wildflowers. Traditional vegetable garden in preparation and a large poly tunnel growing salads, vegetables and herbs". **Admission:** By donation. Car park on site, refreshments (light lunches, tea and coffee, cakes and cream teas) are available. Wheelchair Access: Some hard paths, others grass. Easy level access to tearoom, garden patio, and toilets. Dogs: No. Toilets: Yes. Home-grown plants for sale.

Friday 18th–Sunday 20th August RHS Rosemoor Flower Show. Normal opening times and admission charges "There will be over 20 specialist nurseries offering a variety of flowers, grasses, houseplants, alpiners and much more! Floral designer Jonathan Moseley will once again bring his expertise to the event with twice-daily flower arranging demonstrations. Throughout the weekend, more than 15 specialist and dynamic speakers will take to the stage in the Talks Tent, situated in the centre of the showground. **New for 2023:** Join us in the Garden Room as we host the South West Area of NAFAS Floral Competition for the first time ever.

Happy Gardening

Nicola Baker

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The Citizens Advice website has lots of information about scams, how to spot them and how to get your money back. Search - Citizens Advice (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/resources-and-tools/Search/?c=HOME&q=scams>) People can also need emotional support when they have been scammed and there is information here about this too.

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Ann Wilkins at Holy Cross, Crediton

Music lovers may have caught the TV performance in January by Anne Wilkins, the blind soprano from South Wales, as the 'Unexpected Star of the Show' on 'Michael McIntyre's Big Show'.

Singing with her hero, the bass-Baritone Bryn Terfel, Anne gave an unforgettable rendition of 'All I Ask of You' from 'The Phantom of the Opera'. The performance can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=848583526251284>

Now Ann is coming to Crediton with pianist Jeannette Massocchi, to sing in aid of the Crediton Church Music Endowment Fund at Holy Cross on 23rd September.





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As well as being an exceptional vocalist and winning a host of competitions, Anne has also taught music. She retired a few years ago after working as an administrative assistant for South Wales Police.

Since then she has focused more on her music and also spent some time volunteering for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), including teaching singing, braille and braille music.

The Holy Cross concert on 23rd September begins at 7.30pm. £10 tickets, card or cash on the door. Children under-16 free. Interval drinks. It looks like being a very special evening..

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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

August

August could greet us with spires of blue,
would we have grown it if only we knew,
Yes we declare, it's a plant after all
with sage scented leaves and really quite tall.

Now living by the coast, you could grow one of these,
It will tolerate the gales or the salt laden breeze,
Showing off in style with its tiny flowers of pink,
A plant well worth growing , well that's what I think.

Or how about a trumpet flowering high up on the vine,
It could be disappointing if the sun, it doesn't shine,
So would it help to grow our own, just a bit of fun
a stem that could be ten feet tall, a flower like the sun.

And if the sun becomes too hot, why not grow some ice,
The late summer sedums, they all look very nice
with large flat heads of flowers, compact and very neat,
All loved by bees and butterflies and they tolerate the heat.

So looking round the garden before the autumn fall,
The Japanese Anemones are flowering by the wall,
With stems so tall and straight, the flowers flat and round,
unlike their spring cousins that flower close to ground.

Things to do in the August garden

As some of you will know, I like a garden that is neat, tidy and well maintained. I am not into letting the lawn grow to two feet tall or leaving shrubs unpruned.

Instead I like to grow plants that are beneficial to wild life. So far this year, we have seen, Holly Blue, Peacock, Painted Lady, Comma and small Tortoiseshell Butterflies and of course the Cabbage White. We have also seen the Humming-Bird Hawk Moth and the Cinnabar Moth, plus a wide variety of bees.

Now where were we?

The blue spires are those of the Russian Sage (Perovskia). We tried to grow this in our old garden but with no luck. It will grow to about 4ft tall in well drained soil in a sunny spot. Cut back to about 1ft above ground in the Spring. The shrub that you can grow by the coast (or anywhere inland) is Tamarix. This shrub looks delicate, but the truth is far from it. Gales, salt spray, sand storms are no problem, then in late summer it will be covered in pink flowers. It likes well drained soil in a sunny position. Cut back in March, it can grow to about 10ft high.

Campsis or Trumpet Vine is a self-clinging climber, a bit like an Ivy, and when established it could reach 20ft. In late summer, clusters of large orangey-red trumpet-shaped flowers appear. It needs sun to ripen the stems, this in turn will develop the flower buds. Fertile soil in a sunny spot is essential. It can be pruned in late winter by cutting back old flower stems.

Helianthus or Sunflower, the ones referred to in my rhyme are those grown as annuals. They are fun for children to grow – who can grow the tallest?. The really large ones can reach 10ft or more, with a flower measuring 1ft or more across.

Sedums or Hylotelephium, as they are now known, are a must for attracting butterflies and bees into the garden during late summer and into autumn. Ice plants, as they are commonly known, are drought tolerant, so if the summer is hot and dry, they will still put on a good display. The spring and early summer sedums that are grown in rockeries or as ground cover are commonly known as Stonecrop.

Plant of the month

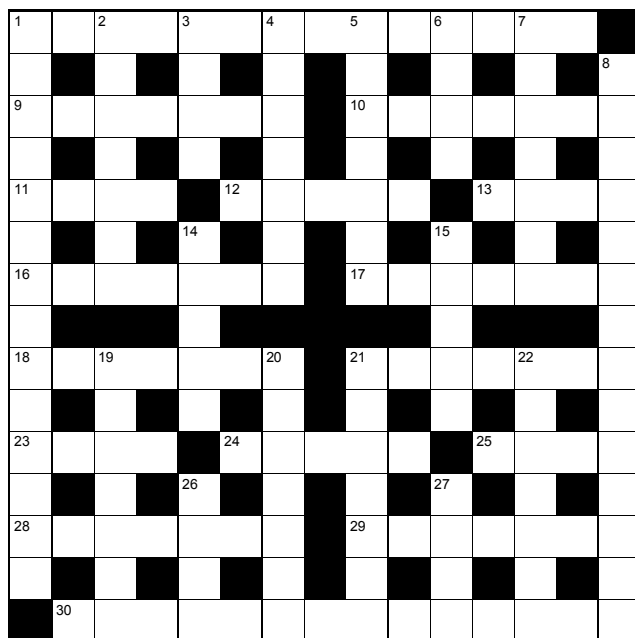
“Japanese Anemones”

This anemone flowers from August until the first real frost, unlike Anemone Blanda varieties that flower in the Spring. They do not like to be disturbed once established, so may take a while to get going after planting.

The interesting thing about the Anemone is that all the flowers will look towards the light. Planting near a fence or wall will encourage them to look at you and not your neighbours. Cut old flower stems off in the spring, and they will help protect the plant over winter.



Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Mostly training and skill show how easily something can be done (14)
- 9 Admires new weapon (7)
- 10 Company chief ordered to get a small house (7)
- 11 A fool rejected Turner perhaps (4)
- 12 Transaction includes black fur (5)
- 13 Endlessly show respect by going down on one? (4)
- 16 Cut head off...cut head off exotic flower first (7)
- 17 Get together for prayer (7)
- 18 A very short dance? (3-4)
- 21 The weather worried Tim and Alec (7)
- 23 Transport for vagrant mostly (4)
- 24 Embargo on nobleman (5)
- 25 God whose reflection is seen in canal (4)
- 28 Spoke but spoke indistinctly first off (7)
- 29 He worked with vicar to keep records (7)
- 30 Deborah started changing act (5,3,6)

DOWN

- 1 Launch sailing vessel and celebrate lavishly (4,3,4,3)
- 2 Composition by an Italian poet (7)
- 3 Melt some of the path away (4)
- 4 Announcer on the radio for match (7)
- 5 Rustic leaders of British union get tummy ache (7)
- 6 Permit takes time for Latvian (4)
- 7 Apprentice from Aintree messed up (7)
- 8 Again advanced smaller sum to head, showing persistence (14)
- 14 Damp has to destroy finally (5)
- 15 The King lives – that's crazy! (5)
- 19 One demands former thespian (7)
- 20 I put lad off with praise (7)
- 21 Piece of music for choir at end of performance (7)
- 22 Studio is refurbished late – that's right (7)
- 26 River associated with a waste product (4)
- 27 Copy Spain and Switzerland, love (4)

Set by Alberich

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Solution to July 2023 Cryptic Crossword

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The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



The Church and the community

"Thank you for helping me find God".

"Thank you for being here for us".

A couple of months ago, we sought people's views on the parish church – both from those who regularly attend, and the wider local communities. I offer my very grateful thanks to all who took part.

The results from the survey provide us with the beginnings of a picture of how we are seen by people – and the quotes above are taken straight from the survey responses. In general, the outcome is a very encouraging one. As the feedback report states: "The results are really positive, about how the church interacts with the people, and how community is seen as the heart of your worshipping communities."

When I arrived 18 months ago, one of my aims was to continue to support the parishes to be a visible, welcoming presence across the villages; to be able to offer something of the love of God. And that seems to be what is happening, which is just so good to know. It is great that for those who responded, the church and all it stands for within the local community is accepted and welcomed. It is important for us as a worshipping community to know that for many people, the church is seen as integral to the sense of history of the place, something that has stood the test of time, that provides a focal point, and for some villages even defines them.

But we also recognize that for many people, the church represents something else – something that is being left behind, that seems to want to hold on to archaic traditions, language and attitudes. This, at times, can make us a little difficult to understand, and means we are in danger of being exclusive and excluding. This clearly doesn't represent the message of Christ, a message of welcome and inclusivity. Of love.

As a result of undertaking the survey, I would like to spend time with people – both within the churches and across the wider communities – to listen more to what people have to say about their church in their village. Together, we can explore ways in which we can become more welcoming, more inclusive, to be able to offer approaches to worship that respect diverse views and understanding, that can offer something different, something more suited to different tastes. Over the coming months, please do look out for opportunities within the community to join in that conversation. Through this I pray that we will be able to provide occasions for people to connect with the spiritual aspects of their lives, to be able to develop a relationship with something which is so much more than any one of us.

On a very different topic – I hope that you have caught sight of the poster advertising the ***“Bring & Share Pudding Party”*** at the Rectory in Thorverton, in the afternoon of ***Sunday 13th August***. Please see this your personal invitation to come along to a time of lavish, wonderful puddings and Pimms. A chance to enjoy some old favourites, and perhaps to be adventurous with something new - and where calories really don't count (well, maybe a little).

All blessings,

Tim

Rev'd Tim Collins

Priest-in-Charge, Netherexe Mission Community



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in Church

August 6th, 2023

10.30

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09:30 am	Holy Communion [BCP]	Thorverton	TC
09:30 am	Lammas Breakfast	Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Informal Gathering	Stoke Canon	LF
10:30 am	Coffee & Chat	Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
11:15 am	Care of Animal Service	Rewe	Lay Led

Sunday 13 August Trinity 11

10:30am	Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	GC
11:15 pm	Holy Communion	Rewe	TC

Sunday 20 August Trinity 12

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Brampford Speke	TC
11:15 am	Communion by Extension	Cadbury	LF
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	TC

Sunday 27 August Trinity 13

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	TL
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Evening Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm in Rewe Church

This information will also be available via our website at www.netherexe.org see "services" or "calendar".

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

TC	Revd Tim Collins		
JH	Revd Julia Hocking	LF	Laura Ford [Licensed Lay Minister]
TL	Revd Tony Lane	KR	Revd Preb Kathy Roberts
GC	Revd Preb Graham Cotter	MSS	Revd's Michael & Sharon Simpson
SN	Sheila Newton [Licensed Lay Minister]	TBC	To be confirmed.

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Bring & Share Pudding Party



Where? The Rectory garden
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When? Sunday 13th August

Time? 3pm – 5pm



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NON VILLAGERS

Main hall	£36	£54	£71	£88
Club room	£19	£28	£38	£48
Both rooms	£55	£82	£109	£136

Bookings Secretary, Peter Watts: peterwatts369@btinternet.com: 01392 851369

A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

The Parish Hall is now fully open. **The special covid restrictions and number limits have been lifted**, but we urge users to think of others and continue to be careful.

If you wish to book the Hall or learn more about the facilities, please contact our Bookings Secretary, Peter Watts at peterwatts369@btinternet.com or by phone at 01392 851369

Roger Furniss Chairman, Hall Management Committee

Tuesday (weekly)	Line dancing	7.30 pm	Paula Benford	01392 210830	pbenford45@gmail.com
Tuesday (weekly)	Adonai Community Kitchen	12.00 - 2.00pm	Jocelyne Whittaker	07508 871172	TheAdonai-CKitchen@outlook.com
Tuesday (fortnightly)	Young Farmers Club	8.00 pm	Katie Davie	07706 760500	kmdavie@gmail.com
Wednesday (weekly)	Adonai Community Kitchen	12.00 - 2.00pm	Jocelyne Whittaker	07508 871172	TheAdonai-CKitchen@outlook.com
Wednesday (monthly)	History Group	7.30 pm	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337	jeanwilkins1@btinternet.com
Thursday (Twice per month)	Mah Jong	2.00 pm	Geoff Jackson	01392 851551	megalops@btinternet.com
Thursday (2 nd in month)	Exe Valley Bird Club	7.00 pm	Kevin Smaldon	07710 427817	kevin.smaldon@btinternet.com
Thursday (monthly)	Parish Council	7.00 pm	Jane Hole	01392 851148	parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk
Friday (some weeks)	Art class	10.30 am	Sue Rose	01363 772284	suerose9@hotmail.com
Friday (weekly)	Table tennis	7.00 pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (second in month)	Village Coffee morning sponsored by various organisations	10.30 am	Church Sue Browne	01392 851460	suecbrowne@gmail.com
			Others Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (some months)	Model train group	2.00 pm	Ann Feetham	01392 215837	annfeetham@virginmedia.com

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

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Church Wardens	Sue Browne, 1 Glebelands, Sand Down Lane	01392 851460
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Newton Revels	Chairman - Eric Fee:-ericwfee@hotmail.com	01392 851595
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Football Club	Mark Smaldon	7733455177
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Luncheon Club	John Salter, Hill Park	01392 851346
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History Group	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337
Table Tennis	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337
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